



State Senator

**Dan  
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## FIGHTING FOR LORDSHIP

Dear Neighbor:

The General Assembly is considering many issues that will directly impact quality of life for our families in Lordship. I am working to ensure that Hartford addresses the needs of the community, and that our voices are heard in the debate on a number of issues:

***Sikorsky Memorial Airport*** – Bridgeport is currently trying to sell the airport to the state of Connecticut. I have introduced several proposals to ensure that Stratford controls the destiny of this key piece of property. First, I have proposed that Stratford get the “right of first refusal” on the airport. Stratford should decide through a referendum if it wants to buy the airport before Connecticut gets that option. Second, I have proposed restrictions on expansion of the airport footprint, no matter who owns it. Third, I have proposed that if anyone besides Stratford owns the airport, that entity should pay property taxes to Stratford – which is only fair, since this is a prime location in town.

***Flooding in Lordship*** – I am currently sponsoring a bill to solve our flooding problems in Lordship and throughout Stratford. Flooding often happens with the combination of heavy rain and high tide. My bill would provide money to address this problem in the form of tidal regulators and changes to river flows. We are taking a regional approach to the problem as well – including Stratford, Bridgeport, and Fairfield in one package to increase the chance of action by the full General Assembly and improve effectiveness of the solution.

***Army Engine Plant*** – I have also introduced a bill to designate the Army Engine Plant as a full “enterprise zone.” Enterprise zone designation would give aggressive state tax subsidies to any business that moves into the site, thus serving as an incentive to get businesses to move in. Given the environmental cleanup costs of the property, we need to structure as many incentives as possible to get businesses to move to the site.

***Protecting Long Island Sound*** – Opposing the industrialization of the Long Island Sound is a priority this year. The LNG pipeline proposal brings few benefits to Connecticut, but will disturb the environment of Long Island Sound and set a dangerous precedent of industrial activity in one of our greatest regional natural resources. I will continue to stand against the LNG pipeline.

If you want more information on any of these issues, or if there is anything I can do for you or your family, please do not hesitate to contact me at (800) 842-1421 or at [dan.debicella@cga.ct.gov](mailto:dan.debicella@cga.ct.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Dan".